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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Dear Sir:

5 In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 **In the Drawings:**

Please substitute Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 as filed on August 2, 2001, with the enclosed substitute drawing sheets Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

25 **In the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

Please add the following as the Abstract of the Disclosure after page 24 of the application as filed and as the last page, page 25, of the above-identified application:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

30 The present invention provides a system and method for improving the performance of general purpose processors by expanding at least one source operand to a width greater than the width of either the general purpose register or the data path width. In addition, the present invention provides several classes of instructions which cannot be performed efficiently if the operands are limited to the width and accessible

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